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TENNCARE CHIEF LEAVES SUNDQUIST ADMINISTRATION STATE HAS MANNY MARTINS RETURNS AS TENNCARE DIRECTOR

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – With a new five-year plan for TennCare approved by the federal government, TennCare today announced that Mark Reynolds is leaving the bureau. Reynolds has been TennCare director since June 2000, guiding the program through substantial organizational improvements and changes leading to redesign of the TennCare program.

"I am proud to have served as TennCare director," said Reynolds, who has no immediate professional plans. "This has been an incredible challenge, and I'm glad to have served in this function through this important period at TennCare." The 39-year-old Reynolds was married in April and cut vacation plans short to get back to federal negotiations and operational plans for the new TennCare design. His immediate plan is for personal vacation time with his new wife.

To oversee the important waiver transition period, Manny Martins has been appointed as TennCare director. Martins will assume duties of director on June 24, 2002 and will take TennCare into a new administration in January 2003. Martins served as TennCare's first director from January 1994 until April 1995. Martins most recently served as Deputy Commissioner of the Dept. of Commerce and Insurance, where he was responsible for oversight of TennCare managed care organizations.

"I look forward to working with TennCare staff to provide health care coverage to deserving Tennesseans, and to ensure a smooth transition through the important changes that will stabilize the program for the future," said Martins.

TennCare is the state's managed health care program for 1.4 million Tennesseans who are poor, disabled or uninsured.

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